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CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you about the progress regarding the action of the Republic of Croatia undertaken in compliance with the statement by the President of the Security Council issued 3 February 1994 (S/PRST/1994/6).

Croatian volunteers that had been situated in the Uskoplje-Rama area in Central Bosnia have returned to the Republic of Croatia on 10 February 1994. The convoy consisting of 44 vehicles with 12 heavy artillery weapons, 3 buses and 650 volunteers crossed the Kamensko border-pass at 1700 hours and proceeded towards Split.

On 16 February at 1000 hours elements of the Croatian Army left the wider Neretva river region and have been repositioned in the Metkovic area on the territory of the Republic of Croatia. I have received information from my authorities that amongst the aforesaid elements of the Croatian Army were 600 soldiers, 4 battle tanks and 6 heavy artillery pieces.

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Croatia has already informed UNPROFOR Force Commander, General Jean Cot, and your special representative, Mr. Yasushi Akashi about the above-mentioned data. The Chief-of-Staff of the Croatian Army, General Gunk Bobetko, has also personally informed the Spanish UNPROFOR battalion operating in the area of this matter.

My Government finds it necessary to reiterate its position emphasized in the letter addressed to you by the Foreign Minister of Croatia, dated 11 February 1994 (S/1994/177). It is of the utmost importance that all military activities against Bosnian Croat enclaves in Central Bosnia stop immediately, and that the population in those enclaves start receiving humanitarian and medical aid. Therefore Croatia calls upon the Security Council to act in this regard by establishing efficient guarantees and mechanisms for supporting the security and stability of Central Bosnia.

The Republic of Croatia welcomes the peace initiative aimed at strengthening relations between Bosnian Croats and Bosnian Muslims, as well as between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This process will have a significant influence upon the progress of complying

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with the Security Council statement of 3 February 1994. Croatia is ready for additional steps and continued negotiations with the view of defining lasting relations with the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina which will benefit the stability in the region.

I would appreciate if you could provide for the circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
